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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Ed King Jumbo Mining Company 6305 Fern Spring Cove Austin, TX. 78730

Re:

Drum Mine Project

Request for Extension of Operations

For Heaps 1, 2, and 3

Dear Mr. King:

Per your letter dated September 7, 1990, requesting the subject extension, we reiterate our position on this issue, as stated in our letter of July 2, 1990:

The four presently approved pads are more than five years old and were approved and built with lesser technology and construction techniques than required at the present time. Therefore, we reaffirm the Bureau's position as stated in our December 14, 1988 and March 16, 1989 letters that heap leach pads which were authorized by construction permit may be leached only until October 1, 1990. Jumbo Mining was advised verbally of the restricted nature of these properties during your first visit in July 1988 and in our letter dated July 21, 1988. An official statement concerning these properties and their limited potential is clearly outlined in our letter of September 23, 1988 of which Jumbo mining was aware before purchasing the property.

Therefore, further extension of the closing date for these facilities, can not be considered at this time.

We have been and continue to be willing to work with your company in the contemplated construction of a new leaching pad. Please feel free to call us in planning this facility.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E., Director

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